

**DODGE COUNTY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 3, 2017**

The Dodge County Planning, Development and Parks Committee met on April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Floor of the Administration Building, Juneau, Wisconsin.

Chairman Schaefer called the meeting to order. Roll Call was taken. Members present were Tom Schaefer, Allen Behl, William Muche, Joseph Marsik and Janice Bobholz. The staff present at the request of the Chairman were Bill Ehlenbeck and Joseph Giebel.

The Chairman asked the staff to confirm compliance with the open meeting laws and the public hearing notice requirements. Mr. Giebel noted that the meeting was properly noticed in accord with the open meeting law and noted that the required notices for the public hearings listed on the agenda were posted, mailed and published in accord with the statute and code requirements.

The agenda was reviewed.

Motion by Allen Behl to approve the agenda and allow the Chairperson to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Second: William Muche Motion carried.

The hearing procedures were read into the record.

PUBLIC HEARING

Nicholas Maas - Request for a Conditional Use Permit under the Land Use Code, Dodge County, Wisconsin to bring the residential use of the property into compliance with the Code in order to allow for the construction of a detached garage on this site. The property is located in part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 30, Town of Oak Grove, the site address being W6934 Arbor Road.

Motion by Janice Bobholz to approve the conditional use permit to bring the residential use of the property into compliance with the Land Use Code in order to allow for the construction of a detached garage on this site subject to the following condition:

1. The applicant shall obtain the required permits and approvals for the proposed garage, prior to the construction of the garage

Second by Joseph Marsik Vote 5-0 Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS - PARK SYSTEM

1. Authorize ATV-Snowmobile Trail Grant Applications

Bill provided the Committee with an update on the annual ATV and Snowmobile Trail Grant Applications that will be submitted by the Department for the 2017-18 winter season. The County Snowmobile Trail System will increase by 1.9 miles to 321.9 miles total, due to a section of trail transferred from Waukesha County jurisdiction. This segment is located in Dodge County from Alderly in the Town of Ashippun to the Waukesha County line. No change in the ATV Trail program.

Snowmobile Trail

Motion by Allen Behl to authorize the Department to submit the Snowmobile Trail Grant Application for the 2017-18 program year.

Second by Bill Muche Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

ATV Trail

Motion by Joseph Marsik to authorize the Department to submit the ATV Trail Grant Application for the 2017-18 program year.

Second by Janice Bobholz Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

2. Authorize Wild Goose State Trail Grant Application

Withdrawn from consideration at this time.

3. Authorize Gold Star Memorial Trail Grant Application

Bill provided the Committee with an update on the status of the Gold Star Memorial Trail. The preliminary designs for the trail have been completed. The cost estimates came in higher than expected due to design issues associated with the steep hill and the need for boardwalks to avoid wetland impacts. These issues have added nearly \$300,000 to the project estimate and about \$200,000 more than has been raised to date. Several initiatives are being undertaken to close the funding gap including seeking stone and lumber donations, building the boardwalks using volunteer crews and seeking additional DNR grant funding.

Motion by Janice Bobholz to authorize the Department to submit modifications to the existing Gold Star Memorial Trail Grants and apply for additional grants if needed.

Second by Joseph Marsik Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

4. Authorize Ledge Park Overlook Grant Application

Bill provided the Committee with an update on a Ledge Park Overlook Grant Application that will be submitted by the Department. The project concept is for the construction of a small board walk and overlook platform that provides an accessible path and viewing overlook. The Ledge Park Overlook project has been in the Capital Improvement Plan for several years. Construction would likely not take place until 2018 or 2019.

Motion by Allen Behl to authorize the Department to submit the Ledge Park Overlook Grant Application

Second by William Muche Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

5. Discuss, consider and take action on purchase of front mount mower unit

No action required at this time. The park staff is still working on reviewing the best equipment options before seeking quotes for the purchase of a new mower unit for Ledge Park. This item will be brought back to the Committee at a later date.

6. Discuss, consider and take action on purchase of compact utility tractor with attachments

Bill provided the Committee with an update on the purchase of the compact utility tractor replacement with attachments. Staff is still working on obtaining the best pricing for the equipment with area vendors and expect to bring the purchase request to the Committee at their next meeting.

7. Discuss proposal to conduct forest management/timber sale at Ledge Park

Bill provided the Committee with information on conducting a forest management/timber sale at Ledge Park. He met with the DNR forester and a private forester to review the timber stand at Ledge Park. There is minimal understory /tree regrowth at the park and there are safety concerns with the older trees. Additionally, there are several Ash and Aspen trees that should be removed while they still have value. The staff would like to solicit estimates for marketing the timber at the park for an estimated harvest in 2018-2019. Any excess revenue received from the sales would be proposed to go towards the construction of the Ledge Park Overlook Project.

The committee had no opposition to proceed with planning for a proposed timber sale at Ledge Park.

8. Park Managers Report

The appraisal for the Rohl - Hahn property by Ledge Park has been completed. Bill will be meeting with the owners in a few weeks to discuss the possible purchase of the 14 acre property and will bring back a proposal at a future committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Review procedure for processing rezoning and land division requests when lot size is modified;

Mr. Giebel reviewed the current policy/process used when dealing with a rezoning and land division request when there is a modification to the lot size after the rezoning petition has been completed. There is a current request on file to modify a previously approved rezoning petition to rezone an approximate 5-acre area to downsize the lot to 1.8-acres in area. Mr. Giebel asked for input from the Committee to determine if the current policy would allow the lot to be downsized without requiring re-approval of the rezoning petition. The Committee agreed that the current policy is followed in order to allow for modifications in the finished lot area. They agreed that if the finished area to be rezoned is less than the original area that is requested to be rezoned, then the applicant would not need to go back to the County Board and the zoning map would be adjusted to match the lot area that was created.

William Muche indicated that he received a call from one of his constituents regarding a violation notice that he received from the Department. The constituent is currently under a deadline to resolve a violation for construction of a structure without permits. Mr. Muche visited the site and discussed the matter with the owner. He recommended that the owner contact the Department to discuss the matter with the Department and to request an extension.

2. The minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed by the Committee.

Motion by William Muche to approve the minutes as written.

Second by Joseph Marsik

Vote: 5-0

Motion carried.

3. Committee Member Reports

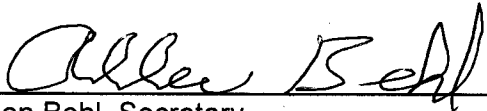
Joseph Marsik provided the Committee with a brief update on the PSC Broadband Forward Grant Program. He indicated that the Department staff has met with some of the area providers to discuss the grant program and the possible extension of services to the uncovered areas in Dodge County through this grant. The general opinion from the providers is that the people that are not covered under the current service area would need to group together and as a group, petition the providers to extend services to their area. Joe felt that this approach didn't have much of a chance as the small groups of people would have little leverage against the providers.

4. No additional Per Diems

Motion by order of the chair to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Allen Behl, Secretary

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